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SUBJ: POSSIBLE GOS REQUEST FOR CLOUD SEEDING OPERATION

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE NAMED CLARK FROM THE ROME BRANCH OF OLIN WEATHER SYSTEMS, INC VISITED SENEGAL LAST WEEK AND MADE PROPOSAL TO GOS DIRECTOR OF METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES FOR A 3 WEEK CLOUD SEEDING OPERATION COVERING 37 SQUARE KILOMETERS IN THE FLEUVE. FUNDING VARIANTS OFFERED ARE REPORTEDLY AS FOLLOWS: A) OPERATION TO BE CONDUCTED COMPLETELY BY OLIN WEATHER SYSTEMS (WITH OWN AIRCRAFT, ETC) AT A COST TO GOS OF 80 MILLION CFA (APPROXIMATELY \$355,555); B) IF GOS WERE TO PROVIDE TWO AIRCRAFT AND CERTAIN PERSONNEL, OLIN WOULD RUN OPERATION FOR 38 MILLION CFA; C) SAME AS (A) ABOVE BUT GOS WOULD OBTAIN AID FINANCING.

2. UNDERSTAND GOS METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES DIRECTOR IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROPOSAL. CLARK DID NOT CALL ON ADO OR EMBASSY AND WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE PLANS TO VISIT OTHER SAHELIAN STATES TO MAKE SIMILAR PROPOSALS.

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3. COMMENT: WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO RECIEVE A GOS REQUEST

FOR AID SUPPORT. IN ANTICIPATION OF SAME, WE ARE LEARY OF US
FINANCING SUCH AN EXPERIMENT. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT
RESULTS OF CLOUD-SEEDING OPERATIONS ARE PROBLEMATIC AT
BEST AND IN SOME CASES ARE DISASTROUS. REQUEST PROMPT
GUIDANCE ON GENERAL TECHNICAL ASPECTS AND AID/W POSTURE
TOWARDS RAIN MAKING OPERATIONS, IN CASE THERE IS OPPORTUNITY
FOR US TO HEAD OFF OFFICIAL REQUEST. ANY AVAILABLE
INFORMATION ON OLIN WEATHER SYSTEMS, INC, WOULD ALSO
BE HELPFUL. EMBASSY QUERYING COMMERCE SEPARATELY.RKINS

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